



Legislative Department
Seattle City Council
Memorandum

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To: Councilmembers Bruce Harrell, Mike O'Brien, and Nick Licata
Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Technology Committee

From: Martha Lester, Council Central Staff

**Subject: July 12, 2012, Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Technology Committee Meeting:
C.B. 117487 – Excess Fiber Capacity Proposed Ordinance**

C.B. 117487 would authorize the City's Chief Technology Officer (CTO) to enter into agreements allowing private parties to use the excess capacity of the City's fiber optic cable network for providing high-speed Internet services and other purposes.

The Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Technology (PSCR&T) Committee was initially briefed on this proposal on March 21, 2012, and discussed C.B. 117487 at the June 20, 2012, meeting. This C.B. is on the PSCR&T Committee's July 12, 2012, agenda for discussion and possible vote.

Attached are excerpts from a mark-up of the C.B. that show recommended amendments for the Committee's consideration. These amendments would do three things:

- a. Add a requirement that the CTO report annually for three years (2013 through 2015), describing activities pursuant to this legislation.
- b. Add a recital that states the recommendation of the Citizens' Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Board (CTTAB), and include CTTAB's recommended prioritization as one element of the annual reports.
- c. Refine two definitions to make it clear that duct or conduit that the City acquired for free under SMC 15.32.070 is not eligible for private party use.